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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

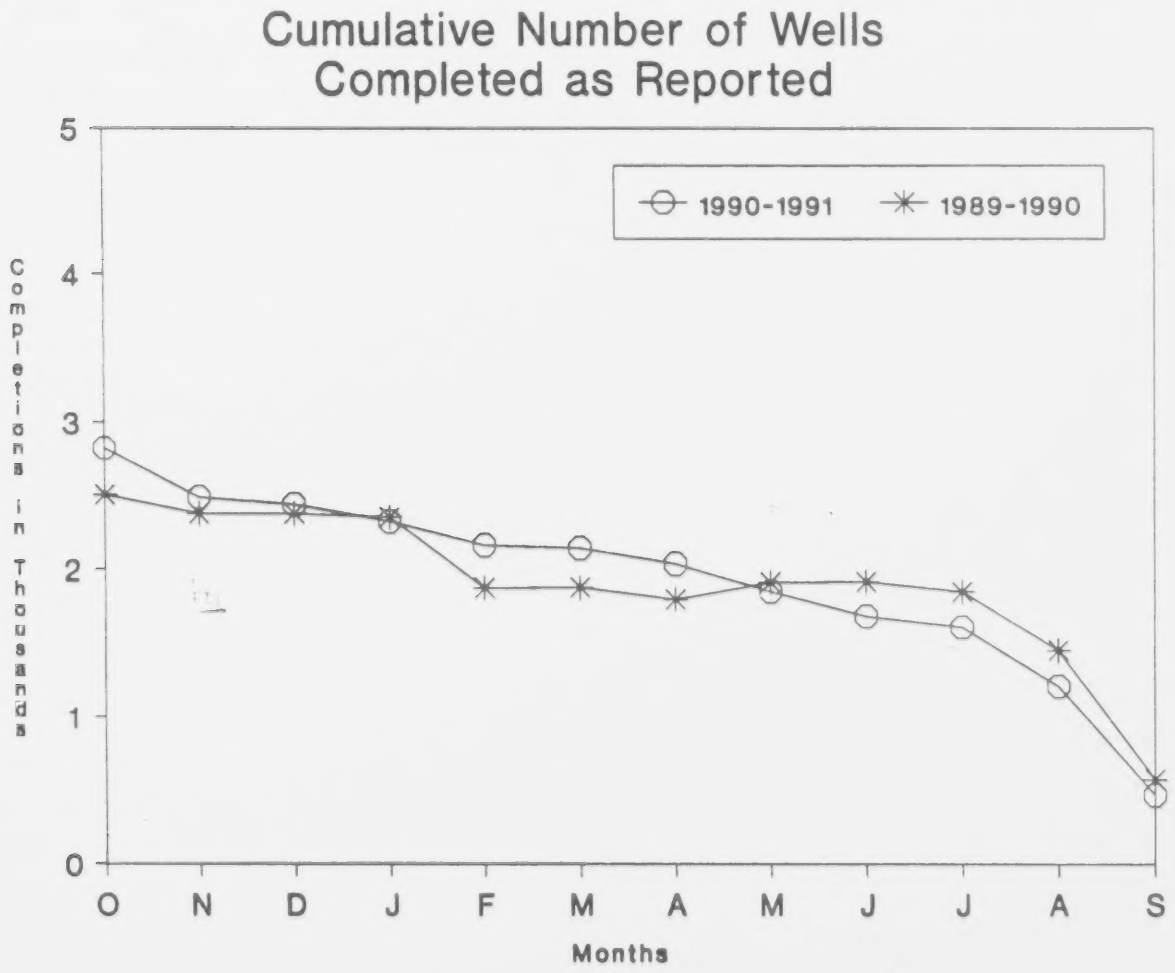

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	6,710	34,201,177	4,320	23,194,851	4,417	23,943,327	15,447	81,339,355	15,940	82,886,959
1991: SEP	183	917,194	44	245,694	237	1,172,523	464	2,335,411	467	2,345,043
AUG	540	2,806,596	229	1,454,385	438	2,303,215	1,207	6,564,196	1,235	6,675,877
JUL	647	3,298,394	445	2,499,981	515	2,664,817	1,607	8,463,192	1,670	8,694,653
JUN	652	3,291,067	532	2,986,445	497	2,679,166	1,681	8,956,678	1,733	9,139,394
MAY	769	4,029,344	548	2,911,240	533	2,663,766	1,850	9,604,350	1,900	9,745,000
APR	882	4,590,210	597	3,233,138	554	3,057,580	2,033	10,880,928	2,092	11,092,502
MAR	959	4,984,651	624	3,309,570	554	3,192,948	2,137	11,487,169	2,193	11,716,259
FEB	1,006	4,951,361	593	3,205,845	556	3,135,967	2,155	11,293,173	2,228	11,478,952
JAN	1,072	5,332,360	708	3,348,553	533	3,073,345	2,313	11,754,258	2,422	11,999,279
TOTAL 1990	11,170	51,196,881	9,325	47,867,373	7,832	41,418,787	28,327	140,483,041	29,107	142,640,548
1990: DEC	1,007	4,983,825	762	3,967,928	662	3,633,354	2,431	12,585,107	2,494	12,771,785
NOV	1,024	4,534,050	688	3,531,392	767	3,699,866	2,479	11,765,308	2,559	11,963,403
OCT	1,115	4,947,331	947	4,579,502	755	3,920,196	2,817	13,447,029	2,868	13,598,400
SEP	977	4,300,743	858	4,201,672	675	3,551,496	2,510	12,053,911	2,556	12,169,674
AUG	1,026	4,381,624	915	4,215,265	699	3,388,245	2,640	11,985,134	2,708	12,142,799
JUL	903	4,035,133	869	4,226,574	676	3,453,001	2,448	11,714,708	2,505	11,874,756
JUN	867	3,964,622	799	3,820,885	655	3,461,782	2,321	11,247,289	2,409	11,487,184
MAY	812	3,958,273	734	3,782,173	590	3,152,482	2,136	10,892,928	2,227	11,106,874
APR	809	3,755,496	605	3,304,504	587	3,335,431	2,001	10,395,431	2,066	10,556,495
MAR	841	3,991,901	654	3,780,510	558	2,972,014	2,053	10,744,425	2,109	10,921,665
FEB	819	3,768,149	678	3,894,465	516	2,928,423	2,013	10,591,037	2,061	10,761,809
JAN	970	4,575,734	816	4,562,503	692	3,922,497	2,478	13,060,734	2,545	13,285,704
TOTAL 1989	10,140	42,685,981	8,927	46,243,425	8,182	41,837,062	27,249	130,766,468	27,913	132,977,047
1989: DEC	932	4,054,312	814	4,544,261	738	3,987,248	2,484	12,585,821	2,533	12,737,806
NOV	916	3,835,083	819	4,307,304	739	3,845,497	2,474	11,987,884	2,546	12,234,092
OCT	935	3,949,720	854	4,239,929	813	3,991,373	2,602	12,181,022	2,657	12,392,467
SEP	841	3,652,820	820	4,043,017	739	3,798,657	2,400	11,494,494	2,431	11,614,436
AUG	966	3,703,265	853	4,328,925	718	3,653,364	2,537	11,685,554	2,626	11,938,271
JUL	862	3,380,004	781	3,937,340	699	3,467,443	2,342	10,784,787	2,402	10,990,102
JUN	828	3,681,684	714	3,434,007	686	3,449,260	2,228	10,564,951	2,284	10,716,308
MAY	871	3,548,831	624	3,205,430	660	3,188,257	2,155	9,942,518	2,205	10,093,266
APR	881	3,497,090	598	3,205,824	657	3,384,984	2,136	10,087,898	2,185	10,253,176
MAR	697	3,001,944	654	3,503,258	609	3,050,409	1,960	9,555,611	2,016	9,776,405
FEB	586	2,632,507	631	3,499 613	465	2,553,915	1,682	8,686,035	1,716	8,826,810
JAN	825	3,748,721	765	3,994,517	659	3,466,655	2,249	11,209,893	2,312	11,403,908
TOTAL 1988	13,352	57,337,514	8,285	43,969,529	10,029	52,146,171	31,666	153,453,214	32,675	156,463,791
TOTAL 1987	16,245	65,579,002	7,843	41,507,230	11,365	54,509,932	35,453	161,596,164	36,373	164,362,438

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	356	2,312,724	236	1,625,662	1,990	11,727,811	2,582	15,666,197
1991: SEP	10	76,862	3	28,330	104	570,363	117	675,555
AUG	20	134,770	12	81,425	200	1,094,066	232	1,310,261
JUL	39	256,035	19	110,275	244	1,403,510	302	1,769,820
JUN	40	260,895	28	196,142	221	1,312,157	289	1,769,194
MAY	35	210,841	29	233,420	232	1,265,369	296	1,709,630
APR	48	336,654	30	223,546	245	1,473,923	323	2,034,123
MAR	55	369,659	26	161,694	253	1,600,223	334	2,131,576
FEB	48	318,093	48	327,283	249	1,531,989	345	2,177,365
JAN	61	348,915	41	263,547	242	1,476,211	344	2,088,673
TOTAL 1990	620	4,156,045	579	3,900,145	3,652	21,054,745	4,851	29,110,935
1990: DEC	50	379,544	45	281,224	332	1,836,066	427	2,496,834
NOV	46	312,825	35	266,080	333	1,807,356	414	2,386,261
OCT	60	325,687	59	369,981	351	2,015,493	470	2,711,161
SEP	51	332,011	39	279,753	305	1,723,465	395	2,335,229
AUG	72	451,205	62	390,416	293	1,628,384	427	2,470,005
JUL	53	372,762	58	371,705	334	1,798,958	445	2,543,425
JUN	56	407,337	47	329,758	310	1,757,645	413	2,494,740
MAY	41	264,859	42	307,550	257	1,554,546	340	2,126,955
APR	58	388,807	50	334,310	284	1,789,405	392	2,512,522
MAR	49	347,816	47	320,262	256	1,484,008	352	2,152,086
FEB	35	235,034	42	302,316	237	1,499,844	314	2,037,194
JAN	49	338,158	53	346,790	360	2,159,575	462	2,844,523
TOTAL 1989	598	3,556,307	670	4,295,251	3,943	21,612,728	5,211	29,464,286
1989: DEC	48	304,600	61	378,693	374	2,041,518	483	2,724,811
NOV	49	287,229	59	344,499	374	2,149,815	482	2,781,543
OCT	38	225,356	52	306,243	394	2,143,044	484	2,674,643
SEP	71	407,639	57	315,257	356	1,987,760	484	2,710,656
AUG	56	285,285	60	432,185	325	1,871,160	441	2,588,630
JUL	50	301,847	51	356,373	323	1,886,543	424	2,544,763
JUN	44	250,093	59	366,785	322	1,652,787	425	2,269,665
MAY	40	266,642	48	323,186	318	1,626,811	406	2,216,639
APR	63	370,697	52	306,234	289	1,556,098	404	2,233,029
MAR	50	337,932	51	341,402	299	1,521,209	400	2,200,543
FEB	43	258,756	53	370,830	238	1,371,405	334	2,000,991
JAN	46	260,231	67	453,564	331	1,804,578	444	2,518,373
TOTAL 1988	813	4,925,226	698	4,701,848	4,748	26,891,778	6,259	36,518,852
TOTAL 1987	896	5,304,209	698	4,615,270	5,204	27,309,354	6,798	37,228,833

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING SEPTEMBER 1991

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	851	4,096,056	582	2,995,197	569	3,082,999	2,002	10,174,252	2,137	10,500,495
1991: SEP	183	917,194	44	245,694	237	1,172,523	464	2,335,411	467	2,345,043
AUG	339	1,858,441	174	1,079,330	177	1,045,925	690	3,983,696	706	4,059,887
JUL	99	518,946	145	713,238	61	358,004	305	1,590,188	325	1,660,450
JUN	37	201,051	92	460,837	28	168,714	157	830,602	170	865,175
MAY	42	178,586	46	173,617	21	130,271	109	482,474	119	494,668
APR	38	105,557	20	64,605	17	65,292	75	235,454	88	267,934
MAR	30	113,896	21	60,413	13	89,508	64	263,817	71	281,698
FEB	48	135,213	24	126,964	12	46,170	84	308,347	107	340,176
JAN	35	67,172	16	70,499	3	6,592	54	144,263	84	185,464
TOTAL 1990	104	400,222	80	418,612	44	146,859	228	965,693	244	991,544
1990: DEC	22	81,373	13	51,874	3	30,208	38	163,455	39	165,295
NOV	31	64,501	7	33,727	5	11,504	43	109,732	48	115,137
OCT	13	55,402	6	33,712	6	29,000	25	118,114	29	122,505
SEP	3	5,556	4	20,754	0	0	7	26,310	8	27,213
AUG	3	10,180	4	26,382	8	19,617	15	56,179	16	57,799
JUL	7	34,382	17	86,490	10	11,509	34	132,381	35	137,049
JUN	8	51,356	6	27,687	2	4,997	16	84,040	17	89,290
MAY	4	15,191	11	77,834	1	2,500	16	95,525	18	97,299
APR	4	8,909	6	33,263	1	5,492	11	47,664	11	47,664
MAR	5	36,613	3	11,841	4	14,348	12	62,802	12	62,802
FEB	2	29,648	2	4,983	3	5,422	7	40,053	7	40,053
JAN	2	7,111	1	10,065	1	12,262	4	29,438	4	29,438
TOTAL 1989	9	47,443	28	169,470	4	8,392	41	225,305	45	229,888
1989: DEC	1	12,552	3	19,920	0	0	4	32,472	4	32,472
NOV	0	0	4	43,132	1	473	5	43,605	5	43,605
OCT	2	1,935	1	6,506	0	0	3	8,441	3	8,441
SEP	2	10,923	5	40,029	0	0	7	50,952	7	50,952
AUG	1	8,101	8	42,927	0	0	9	51,028	9	51,028
JUL	2	12,260	1	459	0	0	3	12,719	3	12,719
JUN	0	0	1	8,900	0	0	1	8,900	1	8,900
MAY	0	0	2	2,641	2	5,769	4	8,410	4	8,410
APR	0	0	2	2,265	1	2,150	3	4,415	5	6,302
MAR	1	1,672	0	0	0	0	1	1,672	1	1,672
FEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2,696
JAN	0	0	1	2,691	0	0	1	2,691	1	2,691
TOTAL 1988	8	21,472	7	28,907	4	12,535	19	62,914	23	73,661
YRS PRIOR TO 1988	18	48,051	3	3,994	3	6,878	24	58,923	26	61,158
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	990	4,613,244	700	3,616,180	624	3,257,663	2,314	11,487,087	2,475	11,856,746

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of September 27, 1991. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period August 31, 1991 through September 27, 1991. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.